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The Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20544

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and Best Practices Document

Dear Chairman Powell:

It is with a great sense of appreciation that I write to thank you for ensuring a place at the table for tribal interests in the development of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and related Best Practices document. The development of these documents is a highpoint in Tribal-Federal relations and sets the standard for Federal-Tribal consultation.

USET is reaching out to industry in a spirit of flexibility and pragmatism to give life to these documents. We know that a truly successful process has to meet the needs of all parties. We will keep your excellent staff advised as we work with industry to do our part to ensure the rapid and efficient development of the universal communications infrastructure, while guaranteeing the protection of tribal sites of religious and cultural importance.

Without your strong support, it is unlikely that these documents would have fully reflected the tribal provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act. As always, thank you for your commitment to Native issues and to the proper implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act with regard to properties of religious and cultural importance to Tribes.

Sincerely,

Keller George
President

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